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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D. C.

August 2, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD ASSISTANTS

SUBJECT: Special Report on NSC 5419

Attached for your consideration at the Board Assistants meeting of August 13 is a draft memorandum to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, which would complete action by the OCB with respect to NSC 5419. As you know, it was the decision of the Board to establish a special ad hoc group to coordinate OCB activities with respect to this paper rather than refer it to the OCB working group on NSC 144/1.

It is believed that further action with respect to NSC 5419 can be handled within the framework of NSC 144/1 and that any further activity with respect to Guatemala should be coordinated through that working group.

Elmer B. Staats
Executive Officer

Attachment:

Draft Special Report on NSC 5419.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Special Report on NSC 5419

REFERENCE: NSC Action 1135 (Approved by the President May 27, 1954 and referred to the OCB as coordinating agency).

Discussion

1. NSC 5419 was adopted to meet a particular situation, the eventuality of Guatemalan aggression in Latin America.

2. Immediately following the fall of the former Guatemalan Government and the formation of a new anti-Communist government on June 30 and July 1, 1954, the instructions issued to the United States Navy, Caribbean Command, under the authority of NSC 5419 were officially rescinded.

3. It appears to be extremely unlikely that there will be a recurrence of the particular situation with respect to this particular country to which NSC 5419 might be applicable.

Recommendation:

That NSC 5419 be terminated.

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